

Daily Digest

HIGHLIGHTS

The House and Senate met in a Joint Meeting to receive His Excellency Hamid Karzai, President of the Transitional Islamic State of Afghanistan.

The House passed H.R. 4513, Renewable Energy Project Siting Improvement Act of 2004.

The House passed H.R. 4503, Energy Policy Act of 2004.

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S6749–S6821

Measures Introduced: Five bills were introduced, as follows: S. 2518–2522. **Pages S6803–04**

Measures Reported: S.J. Res. 39, approving the renewal of import restrictions contained in the Burmese Freedom and Democracy Act of 2003. **Page S6803**

Measures Passed:

Flood Insurance Reform Act: Senate passed S. 2238, to amend the National Flood Insurance Act of 1968 to reduce losses to properties for which repetitive flood insurance claim payments have been made, after agreeing to the committee amendments, and the following amendment proposed thereto: **Pages S6809–21**

Warner (for Shelby) Amendment No. 3451, to make technical and conforming amendments. **Pages S6815–16**

National Defense Authorization Act: Senate continued consideration of S. 2400, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2005 for military activities of the Department of Defense, for military construction, and for defense activities of the Department of Energy, to prescribe personnel strengths for such fiscal year for the Armed Services, taking action on the following amendments proposed thereto: **Pages S6751–90**

Adopted:

By 65 yeas to 33 nays (Vote No. 114), Smith/Kennedy Amendment No. 3183, to provide Federal assistance to States and local jurisdictions to prosecute hate crimes. **Pages S6751, S6763–73, S6775**

Talent/Bond Amendment No. 3251, to express the sense of Congress on America's National World War I Museum. **Pages S6779–80**

Warner (for Collins) Amendment No. 3395, to encourage the Secretary of Defense to achieve maximum cost effective energy savings. **Pages S6785–89**

Levin (for Bingaman) Modified Amendment No. 3392, to clarify the duties and activities of the Vaccine Healthcare Centers Network. **Pages S6785–89**

Warner (for Grassley/Feinstein) Modified Amendment No. 3402, to express the sense of Congress that the elimination of the drug trade in Afghanistan should be a national security priority for the United States, and to require a report on related efforts. **Pages S6785–89**

Levin (for Bingaman) Modified Amendment No. 3346, to reduce barriers for Hispanic-serving institutions in defense contracts, defense research programs, and other minority-related defense programs. **Pages S6785–89**

Warner (for Graham (SC)) Modified Amendment No. 3326, to clarify the authorities of the Judge Advocates General. **Pages S6785–89**

Levin (for Hollings) Modified Amendment No. 3349, to modify the authority to convey land at Equipment and Storage Yard, Charleston, South Carolina. **Pages S6785–89**

Warner (for Inhofe/Chambliss) Modified Amendment No. 3385, to exempt procurements of certain services from the limitation regarding service charges imposed for defense procurements made through contracts of other agencies. **Pages S6785–89**

Rejected:

By 42 yeas to 55 nays (Vote No. 113), Kennedy Amendment No. 3263, to prohibit the use of funds for the support of new nuclear weapons development under the Stockpile Services Advanced Concepts Initiative or for the Robust Nuclear Earth Penetrator (RNEP). **Pages S6751–63**

Pending:

Reid (for Leahy) Amendment No. 3292, to amend title 18, United States Code, to prohibit profiteering and fraud relating to military action, relief, and reconstruction efforts. **Page S6751**

Dodd Further Modified Amendment No. 3313, to prohibit the use of contractors for certain Department of Defense activities and to establish limitations on the transfer of custody of prisoners of the Department of Defense. **Pages S6751, S6777**

Reed Amendment No. 3352, to increase the end strength for active duty personnel of the Army for fiscal year 2005 by 20,000 to 502,400. **Pages S6780–84**

Warner Amendment No. 3450 (to Amendment No. 3352), to provide for funding the increased number of Army active-duty personnel out of fiscal year 2005 supplemental funding. **Pages S6780–84**

Durbin Amendment No. 3386, to affirm that the United States may not engage in torture or cruel, inhuman, or degrading treatment or punishment. **Pages S6784–85**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the bill on Wednesday, June 16, 2004; that there be 30 minutes of debate equally divided on Dodd amendment No. 3313 (listed above) and the Senate then proceed to a vote in relation to the amendment, with no amendments in order to the amendment prior to the vote; further, that Senator Warner, or his designee, be recognized to offer the next first degree amendment. **Page S6789**

During consideration of this measure today, Senate also took the following action:

Warner (for Domenici) Amendment No. 3167, to require a report on the availability of potential overland ballistic missile defense test ranges, previously agreed to on Monday, June 14, 2004, was modified by unanimous consent. **Page S6785**

Message from the President: Senate received the following message from the President of the United States:

Transmitting, pursuant to law, a notification of the President's intent to enter into a free trade agreement with the Government of Bahrain; which was referred to the Committee on Finance. (PM–86)

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Nominations Confirmed: Senate confirmed the following nominations:

By unanimous vote of 98 yeas (Vote No. Ex. 115), Virginia E. Hopkins, of Alabama, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of Alabama. **Pages S6773–75, S6775–76, S6821**

By unanimous vote of 98 yeas (Vote No. 116), Ricardo S. Martinez, of Washington, to be United States District Judge for the Western District of Washington. **Pages S6773–75, S6776–77, S6821**

By unanimous vote of 98 yeas (Vote No. Ex. 117), Gene E. K. Pratter, of Pennsylvania, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania. **Pages S6773–75, S6777, S6821**

Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

1 Air Force nomination in the rank of general.

6 Army nominations in the rank of general.

3 Marine Corps nominations in the rank of general.

8 Navy nominations in the rank of admiral.

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Messages From the House: **Pages S6801–02**

Measures Referred: **Page S6802**

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Record Votes: Five record votes were taken today. (Total—117) **Pages S6763, S6775, S6776, S6776–77, S6777**

Adjournment: Senate convened at 10:30 a.m., and adjourned at 7:05 p.m., until 9 a.m., on Wednesday,

June 16, 2004. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S6821.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

NOMINATION

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nomination of Alan Greenspan, of New York, to be Chairman of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, after the nominee testified and answered questions in his own behalf.

PIPELINE SAFETY

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Committee concluded an oversight hearing to examine long term prospects for improved safety and reliability of the Nation's pipeline infrastructure, focusing on responses to mandates set forth in the Pipeline Safety Improvement Act of 2002 including specific implementation and results, after receiving testimony from Senator Murray; Samuel G. Bonasso, Deputy Administrator, Research and Special Programs Administration, Stacey Gerard, Associate Administrator, Office of Pipeline Safety, and Kenneth Mead, Inspector General, all of the Department of Transportation; Katherine Siggerud, Director, Physical Infrastructure Issues, General Accounting Office; James L. Connaughton, Council on Environmental Quality, Washington, D.C.; Marc Spitzer, Arizona Corporation Commission, Phoenix; Lois N. Epstein, Cook Inlet Keeper, Anchorage, Alaska; Barry Pearl, TEPPCO Partners, L.P., Houston, Texas, on behalf of the Association Oil Pipe Lines and the American Petroleum Institute; Earl Fischer, Atmos Energy Corporation, Dallas, Texas, on behalf of the American Gas Association and the American Public Gas Association; and Robert T. Howard, Gas Transmission Northwest Corporation, Portland, Oregon, on behalf of the Interstate Natural Gas Association of America.

ENERGY SUPPLY

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Committee concluded a hearing to examine crude oil supply, gasoline demands and the effects on prices, focusing on the causes and solution to the current fuel situation, including concerns over ability of petroleum markets to rebalance, boutique diesel fuels, proposed

renewable fuel mandate, refinery capacity, after receiving testimony from Guy F. Caruso, Administrator, Energy Information Administration, Department of Energy; Red Cavaney, American Petroleum Institute, and Dave Berry, Swift Transportation Company, on behalf of the American Trucking Associations, both of Washington, D.C.; and John P. Kilduff, Fimat USA Inc., New York, New York.

FREE TRADE

Committee on Finance: Committee concluded a hearing to examine U.S.-Australia and U.S.-Morocco Free Trade Agreements, focusing on economic, social, and political challenges facing the region and U.S. interests in the Middle East, after receiving testimony from Peter F. Allgeier, and Josette Sheeran Shiner, each a Deputy United States Trade Representative; Allen Johnson, Chief Agricultural Negotiator, Office of the U.S. Trade Representative; Harold McGraw III, The McGraw-Hill Companies, New York, New York, on behalf of the Business Roundtable; Jon Kneen, Al-Jon, Inc., Ottumwa, Iowa, on behalf of the National Association of Manufacturers; Lynn Cornwell, Montana Stockgrowers Association, Glasgow; Jeffrey W. Ruffner, MSE Technology Applications, Inc., Butte, Montana; John Schulman, Warner Brothers Entertainment, Burbank, California, on behalf of the Entertainment Industry Coalition for Free Trade; David G. Mengebier, CMS Energy Corporation, Jackson, Michigan, on behalf of the U.S.-Morocco FTA Coalition; Ron Heck, Perry, Iowa, on behalf of the American Soybean Association; and Lochiel Edwards, Montana Grain Growers Association, Big Sandy, on behalf of the Wheat Export Trade Education Committee, the National Association of Wheat Growers, and U.S. Wheat Associates.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Finance: Committee ordered favorably reported S.J. Res. 39, approving the renewal of import restrictions contained in the Burmese Freedom and Democracy Act of 2003.

SUDAN

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the current situation in Sudan, focusing on genocide, violence and ethnic cleansing in Darfur, Sudan, humanitarian assistance and development of the infrastructure in southern Sudan, and the potential for famine, after receiving testimony from Charles R. Snyder, Acting Assistant Secretary

of State for African Affairs; Roger P. Winter, Assistant Administrator for Democracy, Conflict and Humanitarian Assistance, U.S. Agency for International Development; John Prendergast, Special Advisor to the President, International Crisis Group; and Julie Flint, Human Rights Watch, London, United Kingdom.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Joseph D. Stafford III, of Florida, to be Ambassador to the Republic of The Gambia, Lewis W. Lucke, of Texas, to be Ambassador to the Kingdom of Swaziland, who was introduced by Senators Hutchison and Cornyn, and R. Niels Marquardt, of California, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Cameroon, and to serve concurrently and without additional compensation as Ambassador to the Republic of Equatorial Guinea, after each nominee testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

TERRORISM FINANCING

Committee on Governmental Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine current efforts to combat terrorism financing, focusing on U.S.-Saudi relations, including the Saudi regime strengthening its efforts to reduce the flow of funds from within Saudi Arabia to terrorists, after receiving testimony from Lee S. Wolosky, Boies, Schiller, and Flexner, LLP, Washington, D.C., and Mallory Factor, Mallory Factor, Inc., New York, New York, both on behalf of the Independent Task Force on Terrorist Financing, Council on Foreign Relations; and David D. Aufhauser, Williams and Connolly, LLP, Washington, D.C., former General Counsel, Department of the Treasury.

ADOLESCENT TREATMENT SERVICES

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: Subcommittee on Substance Abuse, and Mental Health Services concluded a hearing to examine substance abuse prevention and treatment services for adolescents, focusing on the effects of binge drinking, and monthly cigarette, beer, and marijuana usage, and the development of the Juvenile Treatment Network, after receiving testimony from Charles G. Curie, Administrator, Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration, Department of Health and Human Services; Sandra A. Brown, University of California Department of Psychology, San Diego; Roger P. Weissberg, University

of Illinois at Chicago; Rhonda Ramsey-Molina, Coalition for a Drug Free Greater Cincinnati, Cincinnati, Ohio; Ronald P. Anton, Day One, Cape Elizabeth, Maine, on behalf of the Maine Association of Substance Abuse Programs, and the State Associations of Addiction Services; and Kris Shipley, Pasadena, Maryland, on behalf of the Therapeutic Communities of America.

TRIBAL PARITY ACT

Committee on Indian Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine S. 1530, to provide compensation to the Lower Brule and Crow Creek Sioux Tribes of South Dakota for damage to tribal land caused by Pick-Sloan projects along the Missouri River, after receiving testimony from Senator Daschle; Ross Mooney, Acting Deputy Director of Trust Services, Bureau of Indian Affairs, Department of the Interior; Michael J. Jandreau, Lower Brule Sioux Tribe, Lower Brule, South Dakota; Duane Big Eagle, Sr., Crow Creek Sioux Tribe, Fort Thompson, South Dakota; and Michael L. Lawson, Morgan, Angel and Associates, Washington, D.C.

BIOMETRIC PASSPORTS

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee concluded a hearing to examine S. 2324, to extend the deadline on the use of technology standards for the passports of visa waiver participants, focusing on appropriate security checks, freezing the identity of travelers, matching traveler identities and documents, documenting arrivals and departures, and determining overstays, after receiving testimony from Senator Cantwell; Asa Hutchinson, Under Secretary of Homeland Secretary for Border and Transportation Security; and Maura Harty, Assistant Secretary of State for Consular Affairs.

BUSINESS MEETING

Select Committee on Intelligence: Committee met in closed session to consider pending intelligence matters.

Committee recessed subject to the call.

SOCIAL SECURITY REFORM

Special Committee on Aging: Committee concluded a hearing to examine certain measures to strengthen social security, focusing on what personal retirement accounts do for low-income workers, including reform proposals that could have a variety of effects on the distribution of benefits and payroll taxes, after

receiving testimony from David M. Walker, Comptroller General of the United States, General Accounting Office; Jeffrey R. Brown, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign College of Business,

Champaign; Peter J. Ferrara, Institute for Policy Innovation, and the Club for Growth, Jeff Lemieux, Centrists.Org, and Christian E. Weller, Center for American Progress, all of Washington, D.C.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Measures Introduced: 15 public bills, H.R. 4569–4583; and 3 resolutions, H. Con. Res. 449–450, and H. Res. 676, were introduced.

Pages H4170–71

Additional Cosponsors:

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Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows:

H.R. 4567, making appropriations for the Department of Homeland Security for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2005 (H. Rept. 108–541);

H.R. 4568, making appropriations for the Department of the Interior and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2005 (H. Rept. 108–542);

Report on the Suballocation on the Budget Allocations for Fiscal Year 2005 (H. Rept. 108–543);

H. Res. 674, providing for consideration of H.R. 4568, making appropriations for the Department of Interior and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2005 (H. Rept. 108–544); and

H. Res. 675, providing for consideration of H.R. 4567, making appropriations for the Department of Homeland Security for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2005 (H. Rept. 108–545). **Page H4170**

Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative Kirk to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. **Page H3965**

Recess: The House recessed at 8:34 a.m. for the purpose of receiving His Excellency Hamid Karzai and reconvened at 10:30 a.m.; and agreed that the proceedings had during the Joint Meeting be printed in the Record. **Page H3965**

Joint Meeting to receive His Excellency Hamid Karzai, President of the Transitional Islamic State of Afghanistan: The House and Senate met in a Joint Meeting to receive His Excellency Hamid Karzai, President of the Transitional Islamic State of Afghanistan. He was escorted into the House Chamber by a Committee comprised of Representatives

DeLay, Blunt, Pryce (OH), Cox, Goss, Rohrabacher, Pelosi, Hoyer, Menendez, Harman, Skelton, and Ackerman and Senators Frist, McConnell, Stevens, Santorum, Hutchison, Kyl, Warner, Daschle, Reid, Boxer, and Levin. **Pages H3965–67**

Renewable Energy Project Siting Improvement Act of 2004: The House passed H.R. 4513, to provide that in preparing an environmental assessment or environmental impact statement required under section 102 of the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 with respect to any action authorizing a renewable energy project, no Federal agency is required to identify alternative project locations or actions other than the proposed action and the no action alternative, by a yea-and-nay vote of 229 yeas to 186 nays, Roll No. 242. **Pages H3981–90, H4132–33**

Agreed to the Pombo amendment printed in part A of H. Rept. 108–540, that clarifies that the environmental review processes in the bill do not apply to oil and gas leasing activities. **Page H3990**

H. Res. 672, the rule providing for consideration of the bill was agreed to by a recorded vote of 226 yeas to 193 noes, Roll No. 239, after agreeing to order the previous question by a yea-and-nay vote of 221 yeas to 198 nays, Roll No. 238.

Pages H3968–73, H3980–81

Energy Policy Act of 2004: The House passed H.R. 4503, to enhance energy conservation and research and development, to provide for security and diversity in the energy supply for the American people, by a yea-and-nay vote of 244 yeas to 178 nays, Roll No. 241. **Pages H3990–H4132**

Rejected the Dingell motion to recommit the bill to the Committee on Energy and Commerce with instructions to report the same back to the House forthwith with an amendment by a yea-and-nay vote of 192 yeas to 230 nays, Roll No. 240.

Pages H4126–32

H. Res. 671, the rule providing for consideration of the bill was agreed to by a recorded vote of 225 yeas to 193 noes, Roll No. 237, after agreeing to

order the previous question by a yea-and-nay vote of 218 yeas to 197 nays, Roll No. 236. **Pages H3973–80**

Suspensions—Proceedings Postponed: The House began consideration of the following measure under suspension of the rules. Further proceedings were postponed until Wednesday, June 16:

Gasoline Price Reduction Act of 2004: H.R. 4545, to amend the Clean Air Act to reduce the proliferation of boutique fuels. **Pages H4133–39**

Presidential Message: Read a message from the President wherein he notified Congress of his intent to enter into a Free Trade Agreement with the Government of Bahrain—referred to the Committee on Ways & Means and ordered printed (H. Doc. 108–193). **Page H4139**

Amendments: Amendments ordered printed pursuant to the rule appear on pages H4171–73.

Quorum Calls—Votes: Five yea-and-nay votes and two recorded votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H3979, H3979–80, H3980, H3980–81, H4131–32, H4132, and H4133. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 8:30 a.m. and adjourned at 9:12 p.m.

Committee Meetings

REVIEW FARM SECURITY AND RURAL INVESTMENT ACT IMPLEMENTATION OF CONSERVATION TITLE

Committee on Agriculture: Subcommittee on Conservation, Credit, Rural Development, and Research held a hearing to review Implementation of the Conservation Title of the Farm Security and Rural Investment Act of 2002. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the USDA: James R. Little, Administrator, Farm Service Agency; and Bruce I. Knight, Chief, Natural Resources Conservation Service; and public witnesses.

COMMERCE, JUSTICE, STATE, JUDICIARY AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, State, Judiciary and Related Agencies approved for full Committee action the Commerce, Justice, State, Judiciary and Related Agencies appropriations for fiscal year 2005.

MILITARY CONSTRUCTION APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Military Construction held a hearing on Navy Budget Request. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of the Navy: ADM Vern Clerk, USN, Chief, Naval Operations; H.T. Johnson, Assistant Secretary, Installations and Environment; and GEN William Nyland, USMC, Assistant Commandant, U.S. Marine Corps.

U.S. TROOP WITHDRAWALS FROM KOREA STRATEGIC IMPLICATIONS

Committee on Armed Services: Held a hearing on the strategic implications of U.S. troop withdrawals from Korea. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

VOCATIONAL AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION FOR THE FUTURE ACT

Committee on Education and the Workforce: Subcommittee on Education Reform held a hearing on H.R. 4496, Vocational and Technical Education for the Future Act. Testimony was heard from Katherine Oliver, Assistant State Superintendent, Career, Technology and Adult Learning, Department of Education, State of Maryland; and public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Health approved for full Committee action the following bills: H.R. 2023, amended, Asthmatic Schoolchildren's Treatment and Health Management Act of 2003; H.R. 4555, Mammography Quality Standards Reauthorization Act of 2004; and S. 741, Minor Use and Minor Species Animal Health Act of 2003.

JUNK FAX PREVENTION ACT

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Telecommunications and the Internet held hearing on the Junk Fax Prevention Act of 2004. Testimony was heard from K. Dane Snowden, Chief, Consumer and Governmental Affairs Bureau, FCC; and public witnesses.

STOCK OPTION ACCOUNTING REFORM ACT

Committee on Financial Services: Ordered reported, as amended, H.R. 3574, Stock Option Accounting Reform Act.

UNPRECEDENTED CHALLENGES: CONTRACTING AND THE REBUILDING OF IRAQ

Committee on Government Reform: Held a hearing entitled "Unprecedented Challenges: Contracting and the Rebuilding of Iraq." Testimony was heard from David M. Walker, Comptroller General, GAO; and the following officials of the Department of Defense: Lawrence Lanzilotta, Principle Deputy and Acting Under Secretary (Comptroller); Deirde Lee, Director, Defense Procurement and Acquisition Policy; Tina Basllard, Deputy Assistant Secretary, Army (Policy and Procurement); William H. Reed, Director, Defense Contract Audit Agency; GEN Paul Kern, USA, Commanding General, U.S. Army Materiel Command; and BG Robert Crear, USA, Commander, Southwestern Division, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers.

IRAQ: WINNING HEARTS AND MINDS

Committee on Government Reform: Subcommittee on National Security, Emerging Threats and International Relations held a hearing on Iraq: Winning Hearts and Minds. Testimony was heard from the following officials from the Department of State: Ambassador Ronald L. Schlicher, Deputy Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Near Eastern Asia/Iraq; and Gordon West, Senior Deputy Assistant Administrator, Bureau for Asia and the Near East, U.S. Agency for International Development; the following officials of the Department of Defense: Peter Rodman, Assistant Secretary, International Security Affairs; LTG Walter L. Sharp, USA, Director, Strategic Plans and Policy, Joint Chiefs of Staff; Rend al-Rahim Francke, Iraqi Representative to the United States; and public witnesses.

UZBEKISTAN: THE KEY TO SUCCESS IN CENTRAL ASIA?

Committee on International Relations: Subcommittee on the Middle East and Central Asia held a hearing on Uzbekistan: The Key to Success in Central Asia?" Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of State: Michael Kozak, Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Democracy, Human Rights and Labor; and B. Lynn Pascoe, Deputy Assistant Secretary, Bureau of European and Eurasian Affairs; Mira Ricardel, Acting Assistant Secretary, International Security Policy, Department of Defense; and public witnesses.

LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS SAFETY ACT

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, and Homeland Security approved for full Committee action H.R. 218, Law Enforcement Officers Safety Act of 2003.

Prior to this action, the Subcommittee held a hearing on this legislation. Testimony was heard from Albert C. Eisenberg, Delegate, House of Delegates, State of Virginia; and public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Resources: Subcommittee on National Parks, Recreation and Public Lands held a hearing on the following bills: H.R. 1630, Petrified Forest National Park Expansion Act of 2003; H.R. 2129, Taunton, Massachusetts Special Resources Study Act; H.R. 3954, Rancho El Cajon Boundary Reconciliation Act; H.R. 4481, To amend Public Law 86-434 establishing Wilson's Creek National Battlefield in the State of Missouri to expand the boundaries of the park; and S. 1576, Harpers Ferry National Historical Park Boundary Revision Act of 2003. Testimony was heard from Representatives Renzi, Frank of Massachusetts, Hunter, Blunt and Capito; the following officials of the Department of the Interior: Paul Hoffman, Deputy Assistant Secretary, Fish, Wildlife and Parks; and John Hughes, Deputy Director, Bureau of Land Management; and public witnesses.

INTERIOR APPROPRIATIONS FISCAL YEAR 2005

Committee on Rules: Granted, by voice vote, an open rule providing 1 hour of general debate on H.R. 4568, making appropriations for the Department of the Interior and Related Agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2005, equally divided and controlled by the chairman and ranking minority member of the Committee on Appropriations. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the bill. Under the rules of the House the bill shall be read for amendment by paragraph. The rule waives points of order against provisions in the bill for failure to comply with clause 2 of rule XXI (prohibiting unauthorized appropriations or legislative provisions in an appropriations bill), except as specified in the resolution. The rule authorizes the Chair to accord priority in recognition to Members who have-printed their amendments in the Congressional Record. Finally, the rule provides one motion to recommit with or without instructions. Testimony was

heard from Representatives Taylor of North Carolina; Dicks and Norton.

HOMELAND SECURITY APPROPRIATIONS FISCAL YEAR 2005

Committee on Rules: Granted, by a vote of 7 to 4, an open rule providing 1 hour of general debate on H.R. 4567, making appropriations for the Department of Homeland Security for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2005, equally divided and controlled by the chairman and ranking minority member of the Committee on Appropriations. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the bill. Under the rules of the House the bill shall be read for amendment by paragraph. The rule waives points of order against provisions in the bill for failure to comply with clause 2 of rule XXI (prohibiting unauthorized appropriations or legislative provisions in an appropriations bill), except as specified in the resolution. The rule authorizes the Chair to accord priority in recognition to Members who have pre-printed their amendments in the Congressional Record. Finally, the rule provides one motion to recommit with or without instructions. Testimony was heard from Representatives Rogers, Manzullo, Obey, Sabo, DeLauro and Turner of Texas.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Science: Subcommittee on Energy approved for full Committee action the following bills: H.R. 3890, To reauthorize the Steel and Aluminum Energy Conservation and Technology Competitiveness Act of 1988; and H.R. 4516, Department of Energy High-End Computing Revitalization Act of 2004.

AIR TRAFFIC CONTROLLER WORKFORCE STATUS

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Subcommittee on Aviation held an oversight hearing on The Status of the Air Traffic Controller Workforce. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Transportation: Marion Blakey, Administrator, FAA; and Alexis Stefani, Deputy Assistant Inspector General; JayEtta Z. Hecker, Director, Physical Infrastructure Team, GAO; and public witnesses.

TAX SIMPLIFICATION

Committee on Ways and Means: Subcommittee on Oversight held a hearing on Tax Simplification. Testimony was heard from the following former Commissioners of IRS, Department of the Treasury;

Mortimer M. Caplin; Sheldon S. Cohen; Don C. Alexander; and Fred T. Goldberg; and public witnesses.

ENHANCING SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER PRIVACY

Committee on Ways and Means: Subcommittee on Social Security held a hearing on Enhancing Social Security Number Privacy. Testimony was heard from J. Howard Beales III, Director, Bureau of Consumer Protection, FTC; Patrick P. O'Carroll, Acting Inspector General, SSA; Barbara Bovbjerg, Director, Education, Workforce, and Income Security, GAO; Lawrence E. Maxwell, Assistant Chief Inspector, Investigations and Security, United States Postal Inspection Service, United States Postal Service; and public witnesses.

BORDER SECURITY

Select Committee on Homeland Security: Subcommittee on Infrastructure and Border Security held a hearing entitled "Protecting the Homeland: Building a Layered and Coordinated Approach to Border Security." Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Homeland Security: Victor Cerda, Special Advisor to Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Immigration and Customs Enforcement; and Chief David Aguilar, Tuscan Sector Border Patrol Chief, Bureau of Customs and Border Protection; and public witnesses.

NEW PUBLIC LAWS

(For last listing of Public Laws, see DAILY DIGEST, p. D557)

S. 2092, to address the participation of Taiwan in the World Health Organization. Signed on June 14, 2004. (Public Law 108-235)

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR WEDNESDAY, JUNE 16, 2004

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Homeland Security, business meeting to mark up proposed legislation making appropriations for the Department of Homeland Security for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2005, 10 a.m., SD-124.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: to hold hearings to examine S. 2281, to provide a clear and

unambiguous structure for the jurisdictional and regulatory treatment for the offering or provision of voice-over-Internet-protocol applications, 9:30 a.m., SR-253.

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: business meeting to consider pending calendar business, 11:30 a.m., SD-366.

Committee on Finance: to hold hearings to examine measures to strengthen regulations and oversight to better ensure agriculture financing integrity, 11 a.m., SD-215.

Committee on Foreign Relations: to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Charles P. Ries, of the District of Columbia, to be Ambassador to Greece, Tom C. Korologos, of the District of Columbia, to be Ambassador to Belgium, and John Marshall Evans, of the District of Columbia, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Armenia, 2 p.m., SD-419.

Committee on Indian Affairs: business meeting to consider S.J. Res. 37, to acknowledge a long history of official depredations and ill-conceived policies by the United States Government regarding Indian Tribes and offer an apology to all Native Peoples on behalf of the United States; S. 297, to provide reforms and resources to the Bureau of Indian Affairs to improve the Federal acknowledgement process; S. 1529, to amend the Indian Gaming Regulatory Act to include provisions relating to the payment and administration of gaming fees; S. 1696, to amend the Indian Self-Determination and Education Assistance Act to provide further self-governance by Indian tribes; S. 1715, to amend the Indian Self-Determination and Education Assistance Act to provide further self-governance by Indian tribes; S. 2172, to make technical amendments to the provisions of the Indian Self-Determination and Education Assistance Act relating to contract support costs; and S. 2277, to amend the Act of November 2, 1966 (80 Stat. 1112), to allow binding arbitration clauses to be included in all contracts affecting the land within the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Reservation, and motion to authorize the chairman to issue subpoenas in regards to tribal lobbying matters; to be followed by an oversight hearing to examine the No Child Left Behind Act (Public Law 107-110), 10 a.m., SR-485.

Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine S. 1996, to enhance and provide to the Oglala Sioux Tribe and Angostura Irrigation Project certain benefits of the Pick-Sloan Missouri River basin program, 2 p.m., SR-485.

Committee on the Judiciary: to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Richard A. Griffin, of Michigan, and David W. McKeague, of Michigan, each to be a United States Circuit Judge for the Sixth Circuit, and Virginia Maria Hernandez Covington, to be United States District Judge for the Middle District of Florida, 10 a.m., SD-226.

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Committee on Agriculture, hearing to review Iraqi Agriculture: From Oil for Food to the Future of Iraqi Production Agriculture and Trade, 10 a.m., 1300 Longworth.

Committee on Appropriations, to mark up the following appropriations for fiscal year 2005: Defense and Energy and Water Development, 10 a.m., 2359 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Legislative, to mark up the Legislative appropriations for fiscal year 2005, following full Committee markup, H-144 Capitol.

Subcommittee on Military Construction, on Army Budget Request, 2 p.m., B-300 Rayburn.

Committee on Armed Services, hearing on the status of U.S. forces in Iraq after June 30, 2004, 10 a.m., and a hearing on the report of the United States-China Economic and Security Review Commission, 2 p.m., 2118 Rayburn.

Committee on Education and the Workforce, hearing entitled "H.R. 4283, College Access and Opportunity Act: Are Students at Proprietary Institutions Treated Equitably under Current Law?" 10:30 a.m., 2175 Rayburn.

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Committee on International Relations, Subcommittee on Europe, hearing on U.S. Initiatives at NATO's Istanbul Summit, 1:30 p.m., 2200 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on International Terrorism, Nonproliferation and Human Rights, hearing on The Visa Waiver Program and the Screening of Potential Terrorists, 10 a.m., 2172 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on the Middle East and Central Asia, hearing on The Future of U.S.-Egyptian Relations, 3 p.m., 2255 Rayburn.

Committee on the Judiciary, to mark up the following bills: H.R. 218, Law Enforcement Officers Safety Act of 2003; H.R. 3266, Faster and Smarter Funding for First Responders Act of 2003; H.R. 4518, Satellite Home Viewer Extension and Reauthorization Act of 2004; H.R. 338, Defense of Privacy Act; H.R. 3632, Anti-Counterfeiting Amendments of 2003; and H.R. 2934, Terrorist Penalties Enhancement Act of 2003, 10 a.m. 2141 Rayburn.

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Subcommittee on Fisheries Conservation, Wildlife and Oceans, oversight hearing on The Importance of Fishery Data Collection Programs, 2 p.m., 1324 Longworth.

Subcommittee on Water and Power, to mark up the following bills: H.R. 3334, Riverside-Corona Feeder Authorization Act; H.R. 3597, To authorize the Secretary of the Interior, through the Bureau of Reclamation, to conduct a feasibility study on the Alder Creek water storage and conservation project in El Dorado County, California; and H.R. 4045, To authorize the Secretary of the Interior to prepare a feasibility study with respect to the Mokelumne River, 2 p.m., 1334 Longworth.

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House Chamber

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Consideration of H.R. 4529, Arctic Plain Domestic Energy Security and Abandoned Mine Lands Reclamation Reform Act of 2004 (modified closed rule, one hour of debate).

Consideration of H.R. 4567, Department of Homeland Security Appropriations for Fiscal Year 2005 (open rule, one hour of debate).

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